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SUBJ: FONMIN'S REPORTED REMARKS ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY

1. JAN 1 TERUMAN REPORTED THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, WHILE DISCUSSING HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY MIXED BUDGET COMMITTEE DEC 31, MADE THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS REGARDING CIA ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY:

BEGIN QUOTE

I SEE THE CIA IN LARGE MEASURE IN MARCH 12 (THE "COUP BY MEMORANDUM" AGAINST DEMIREL IN 1971). IN AN AMERICAN PUBLICATION THERE WAS A LIST OF COUPS CARRIED OUT BY THE CIA. THIS LIST INCLUDES THE TOPPLING OF THE MENDERES GOVT AND THE BRINGING TO POWER OF THE GURSEL GOVT IN 1960 AND THE STING OF THE DEMIREL GOVT BY MILITARY PRESSURE IN 1971. THESE HAVE NOT BEEN DENIED. ONE FEELS THE CIA. THE CIA GETS INTO A PIECE OF FUNTURE. YOU CAN HEAR IT GNAWING IN THE WOOD, YOU HEAR THE SOUND, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT IS.

END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: CAGLAYANGIL WAS QUOTED AS MAKING SIMILAR COMMENTS IN A LONG INTERVIEW GIVEN IN 1973 AND NOT PUBLISHED UNTIL LAST SPRING. WE DID NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF THOSE COMMENTS BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN MADE WHILE HE WAS NOT FONMIN AND BECAUSE THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THE PUBLICATION OF THEM WAS INTENDED TO EMBARRASS HIM. THE SITUATION NOW IS

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DIFFERENT. UNLESS THE DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE PLAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO MAKE A LOW-KEY INQUIRY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS TO THE ACCURACY OF TERUMAN'S REPORTING OF THE MINISTER'S REMARKS.

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